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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is a Response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 7, 2005.

The Applicant would like to elect, without traverse, the claims of Group II, which includes claims 26-44 and 46-56 drawn to a method of bonding a polymeric (rubber) material to a metal substrate.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the claims of Groups I, III, IV, and V and examination on the merits of remaining claims 26-44 and 46-56 of Group II in the application.

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